

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Kim, et al. Docket No: TI-31160  
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For: HIGH PERFORMANCE PNP BIPOLAR DEVICE FULLY COMPATIBLE WITH CMOS  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

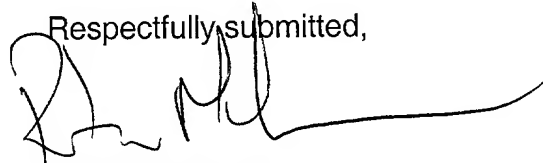
Prior to the examination of the above identified application, please amend the  
specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application claims priority under 35 USC § 119(e)(1) of provisional  
application Serial No. 60/259,313, filed December 31, 2000.--

Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions concerning this  
application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in  
order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter K. McLarty', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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